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Subject Fw: Weekly Notes for week ending 11/11

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**Lower Passaic River Restoration Project**

We sent notice letters to 10 PRPs, all direct dischargers, to join the Cooperating Parties Group on 11/9. They have 30 days to respond with their intentions of joining the Group.

Effective 11/9, the June '04 AOC has been amended to include 12 additional parties that will share in the costs of the RI/FS. The primary benefit is that all parties in the Cooperating Parties Group agreed to pay an additional \$750K for the RI/FS if it is determined that those funds are needed for the study.

USACE-NY received Senate/House conference report: it shows \$550K for Passaic River.

The dredging and decontamination pilot is on track for 12/5-9. Boat tour for press and agency heads is 12/9 from 10:30-12 leaving from Port Elizabeth. There is room for 3-4 people per agency: RA is confirmed to go; recommend George, Ray and David Kluesner for other EPA slots. Briefing for RA scheduled for 11/30. On-land observation platform at OU1 will be open to all stakeholders on 12/8.

Ex. 5; predecisional & deliberative; atty-client communication

**Newark Bay**

*Nothing new.*